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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Inagaki, Y. et al in the above-identified patent application.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

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ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-5 and Group II claims 6-16.

In response, applicants hereby elect examination of Group II claims 6-16.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the Office Action, the Examiner also requested an election of species pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the species of Group II described by the instant claims (8), 9, 10 and 11 and the species of Group II described by the instant claims (13), 14, 15, and 16.

In response, applicants hereby elect the specie of Group II described in claims 13, 14, 15 and 16.

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